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My name is Gertrude Tomokiyo and as a resident of Salt Lake for 46 years I have not had an issue with the community until now. As of August 2015 my neighbors and I have been smelling a stench in the air that began only at night and is now 24/7. After a number of smelly nights I finally called the City's Sewage Department to request an inspection. The City crew opened the sewer manhole that was close to my home and to my surprise there was no odor nor clog.

Subsequently, I called DOH Clean Water to see if it could find the source and try to mitigate the situation. I mentioned that it may want to look at the Honolulu Country Club's (HCC) waterway that is adjacent to the City's parking lot on Likini Street because of previous odor complaints.

When the stench is apparent I have found that areas bordering HCC's waterway have the strongest odor. I have been told that the stench is not harmful to your health. The repugnant odor makes me nauseous and fills my home with sewer-smelling odor. I'd like everyone to smell this stench every day and tell me it's not detrimental to one's health.

I am livid. If I am complaining about this stench after 46 years in Salt Lake then whoever maintained the source of this smell did a good job up to now. We are now into the second month. When do we get any relief? I am desperate to breathe clean fresh air again and not worry about closing every single window every time the stench starts wafting through. Even the slightest crack in the window will bring in that detestable odor. Please give me some relief.